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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SMALL EARTH-STATION TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

REF: STATE 282812, STATE 004295

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IN ANSWER TO UNNUMBERED QUESTIONS
IN PARA 5 OF STATE 282812.

1. PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS. NO PURELY DUTCH SYSTEMS IN OPERA-
TION OR FORESEEN. NETHERLANDS PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW.

SIRIO - MULTI-ROLE (ITALIAN - DUTCH)
MAROTS - TELECOMMUNICATION - ESRO PROJECT
OTS - PRIMARILY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMSAT - MULTI-ROLE - INTELSAT.

2. SCHEDULES. OTS IS SCHEDULED FOR 1980, MAROTS BY 1978.
EACH OF THESE SYSTEMS IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE ONE SMALL-
BARTH STATION BUT NO CERTAINTY EXISTS WHETHER NETHERLANDS WILL
ACQUIRE ITS OWN SES OR USE EXISTING FOREIGN SES.

3. NO NATIONAL PREFERENCE FOR SUPPLIERS EXISTS. PHILIPS AND
STORCH-WERKSPoor ARE HOWEVER EXPECTED PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRODUC-
TION SES.

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4. ACQUISITION OF HARDWARE. NO PLANS EXIST FOR PRESENT OR

FUTURE ACQUISITION OF HARDWARE AS MENTIONED REFTEL.

5. (A) FINANCES. FINANCING IS EXPECTED TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE WHEN ACQUIRING SMALL GOUND STATIONS.
- (B) POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE POLITICAL ASPECTS WILL NOT PLAY A ROLE WHEN ACQUIRING HARDWARE BUT MORE IN THE PLANNING PHASE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS.
- (C) COSTS. COST OF SYSTEM WILL PLAY SOME PART, BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN TO WHAT EXTENT.
- (D) SERVICING AND REPUTATION. SERVICING AND REPUTATION WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND AUTHORITIES ARE INCLINED TO PREFER RELIABILITY TO COST.
- (E) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COSTS - UNKNOWN.
- (F) DELIVERY - NOT KNOWN.
- (G) TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE - SEE 5(D).
- (H) DEMONSTRATED RELIABILITY - SEE 5 (D).

6. RESEARCH GROUPS

- (A) PTT (STATE TELEPHONE SERVICE).
- (B) ESTEC (TECHNICAL CENTRE OF ESRO).
- (C) PHILIPS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ATS-6 PROJECT)

7. RESEARCH TARGETS. RESEARCH IS MAINLY CONCENTRATED ON SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS.

8. BY WHEN - SEE POINT 2.

9. GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES . NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

10. AMOUNTS OF SUBSDIES - SEE POINT 9.

11. RESEARCH BODIES - SEE POINTS 3 AND 9.

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